

ORIGIN OF GAME OF BASKETBALL

Dr. James Naismith Invented It While Instructor at Springfield Training School.

FOUNDED ON LACROSSE

Rules He First Established Still Hold Good on Many Points of Game.

It is peculiarly fitting that the new member of the Intercollegiate Basketball Rules Committee should be Dr. James Naismith, the man who originated the game almost twenty years ago. He is now physical director at Kansas University and was elected to the rules committee when attending a meeting as the delegate of Kansas. In the early nineties Dr. Naismith was in charge of the gymnasium work at the Springfield Training School, in Springfield, Mass. The work in the winter time consisted of mass drills and set exercises, very beneficial but monotonous and tiresome. The students took no interest in the work, shirked and were on the verge of a strike.

Dr. Naismith realized that if he could only make the students take an interest in the work there would be no more trouble. He thought the way to do this was to arouse the spirit of competition among them, and accordingly in the winter of 1892 set about devising an indoor game to take the place of the monotonous mass drills. He had always been an admirer of the game of lacrosse and used this as a foundation. He first of all eliminated the sticks and reduced the size of the goal, making the players pass and forbidding running as in lacrosse. This proved unsatisfactory, for when a big fellow stood in front of the small goal it was impossible to score.

Dr. Naismith then made his first radical change. He raised the goal ten feet from the floor, so as to make it impossible for one big fellow to entirely block it, and an old peach basket was used. Soon it was thought to get a large ball and a football bladder was tried. This proved too soft so they shifted over to an association football, and the present basketball is little changed since then.

This scheme of competition proved immensely successful and all trouble about getting the students to exercise ceased. They liked the game at once and soon they plunged into a series of class games.

In 1893 the game was taken up for similar purposes in many gymnasiums throughout New England. In 1894 Yale took it up and since then its spread has been rapid, until to-day it ranks as one of the leading sports in schools, colleges and athletic clubs throughout this country. There have been some changes as the game progressed, but on the whole the rules to-day are almost identical with those devised by Dr. Naismith back in 1892. The ball, the basket and the lacrosse rules against running with the ball are still the basis of the game and are practically the same now as then.

A short time ago only one or two persons knew the story of the origin of basketball. Even the leaders in the sport were ignorant of just where, when and by whom it was started. Then Dr. Naismith attended the basketball conference in New York simply as the delegate of Kansas University. One of the few men who knew the story pointed him out to the other delegates as the man who originated the game. Dr. Naismith modestly admitted the fact, and in conversation gave the above details of the early history of basketball.

He has followed the game closely and has proved of immense service on the committee in formulating the rules for the coming season.

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News of Horses and Horsemen

BY W. J. CARTER.

(Horse World.)

The question is frequently asked, "What is a thoroughbred?" to which the reply is tendered that while a pedigree of five unblemished crosses will be accepted for registration in the American Stud Book, still only horses tracing directly to Oriental origin are considered really pure bred, which being so, the condensed form of definition that follows is submitted:

Thoroughbred originated in England from a cross between the Arabian, Barb and Turkish horse. In this ori-

gin were three great factors, known as the Darley Arabian, Godolphin Arabian (believed by many to have been a Barb), and the Byerly Turk. From these descended three distinguished sires, named Matchem, Herod and Eclipse, each of which founded a class, and so intense was their propensity that to-day, after the lapse of nearly 150 years, every thoroughbred is classified and known as a Matchem, Herod or an Eclipse horse.

Muda Guy, Bred in the Purple, Is Very

Fast, Too.

Muda Guy, the bay filly, three years old, by Guy Axworthy, 2:08 3/4, who trotted to a record of 2:21 1/4, at Philadelphia in a winning race last month, was purchased by her present owner, A. B. Cox, of Paoli, Pa., during the past winter from Floyd Brothers, Bridgetown, Va. She was bred by John H. Shanta and passed to the Messrs. Floyd, who obtained her at a yearling sale at one of the Madison Square Garden sales. Muda Guy figures among the richest bred fillies in the country, seeing that she is by one of Axworthy's best sons, from Muda S., by Stamboul, 2:07 1/4, and she out of Nancy Lee, the dam of Nancy Hanks, 2:04. Such rare blood lines as these prompted the purchase of Muda Guy by Floyd Brothers, who intended developing the daughter of Guy Axworthy and then mating her with Sidney Prince, the Floyd Farm stallion, who is siring speed with uniformity on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, where about everything from his lola and from all classes of mares, too, is showing speed, this being strongly suggestive of the dead Sidney, his sire, who made history in the long ago on the Pacific coast. Quite recently Muda Guy worked a mile at Belmont Park, Philadelphia, in 2:12, with the last half in 1:05 1/4. She is entered in several of the rich stakes for three-year-old trotters, and is being prepared for her engagements.

Princess Morrell, Daughter of Sidney Prince.

Princess Morrell, 2:21, the bay mare, 8, by Sidney Prince, 2:21 1/4, out of Maud, dam of Ida Gray, 2:15 1/4, who was sold by S. B. Spratley, of Waverly, Va., a couple of months since to New York buyers, is doing nicely in the hands of her new owners, by whom she is well thought of. Maud, a daughter of Walter Morrell, the sire of Laura Girl, 2:09, holder of the record for Virginia-bred trotters, in addition to Princess Morrell, also produced Ida Gray, winner of many races and a great "run horse" at the New Jersey matinees.

Daisy Prince, the bay mare, 4, by Sidney Prince, out of a daughter of Twilight, who was driven to pole with Princess Morrell, is still owned by Mr. Spratley, and will be raced this fall. One of the most highly-prized members of the Spratley Stable is a brown colt foal of 1909, by Wealth, 2:10, dam Lady Spratley, 2:27, a fast mare of untraced breeding. Wealth, the sire of this good-looking youngster, is by Gambetta Wilkes, 2:18 1/4, from whose loins came George Gary, 2:04 1/4, the sensational pacer of the season and winner of the Chamber of Commerce stake at Detroit.

"Grandpa Wina at Saratoga."

One of the most useful cross-country performers of the season is the Vir-

gin-bred steeplechaser, Grandpa, by Grandmama, out of Phil's, by H. B. Bader, who was bred by A. S. Craven, at Greenwood, in Albemarle county. At Saratoga on Thursday Grandpa won a steeplechase, distanced about two miles, in 4:28 2-5. Only two horses, however, finished, and in the books Grandpa sold at 6 to 5, while Student King, ruling a favorite, brought 8 to 1. The son of Grandmaster is now ten years old, and has been racing since his early colthood.

The largest purchaser of yearlings, both privately and at the public sales of 1908, hailing from Virginia, was William Garth, of the Ingleside Farm, at Charlottesville, who wintered a big stable of horses there. The big and genial Virginian, who is recognized as one of the ablest trainers now in the country, shipped in the early spring to Washington, and from there to Baltimore, where the entries were made at the meetings in Canada. The stable furnished winners with regularity, and some twenty-five horses were sold at fair prices, after which Garth returned to Virginia.

Among the horses now in training at Ingleside there are some two-year-olds entered in stakes to be decided this fall, and at least a portion of these youngsters give promise of being able to win.

At the half-mile track of the Riverside Hunt Club, near Petersburg, David Dunlop, of that city, has five thoroughbred yearlings that give promise of developing stake-winning form later on. This lot of richly-bred youngsters includes a couple by The Commander, one of them being a full brother to Nottawa, for which Mr. Dunlop paid \$3,000 at the yearling sales at Sheepshead Bay, N. Y., this season.

The Ellerslie-bred horse Blameless, chestnut gelding, 3, by Fatherless, dam Ardis, by Eolus or Bon, won recently at Victoria, B. C., and ran five furlongs in 1:02 1/2. On the same day Nellie Racine, chestnut mare, 5, by Racine, dam Bona Vera, won at a like distance, and in the same time.

Nellie Racine was not bred in Virginia, but her sire has been in the stock of W. W. Osborne, at Springfield's Farm, near Gordonsville, for a couple of seasons.

ALL STAR WEEK AT THE LUBIN

Many New Features Announced for Attractive Little Play-House.

The Lubin bill for the coming week should prove one of enjoyment to all lovers of high-class vaudeville, supplemented by a display of pictures that are second to none. In both features the Lubin has made for itself in Richmond a name that it should justly feel proud of.

Among the artists for next week will be The Valpos, offering a classy musical act that for novelty and originality is seldom seen outside of the big metropolitan amusement houses. They play on a number of new and old instruments, on all of which they are experts. They are "masters of harmony," and their numbers are all selected with a view to pleasing the tastes of every one.

Iva Donnette promises a number that should appeal especially to the women and children, as well as prove decidedly entertaining to the male contingent of the vast Lubin clientele. With her canine pickaninny, a diminutive little dog weighing about three pounds, she offers a number that is said to be one of the best in vaudeville. The little dumb partner in her act goes through the number displaying almost a perfect intelligence, and takes a conspicuous part.

Lillian Wood, a singing comedienne, with a store of new song hits and a lively number that gives her opportunity to display her ability as an entertainer, will also be seen.

There will be several films of the latest productions.

Two Concerts In Idlewood

Professor Stein and his band of soloists and artists will give two free concerts in Idlewood to-day. The first will be from 4 to 6:30 in the afternoon, and the second from 8 to 10 in the evening. Both will be the two most attractive concerts, judging from the programs, ever given by this popular band. Everybody loves to hear Donnette's favorite composition, "The Sextette from Lucia," and the "Sweetest Story Ever Told." Other features of the program are: "The Prince of Pleasure," "Longing and Meeting," selection from "The Merry Widow," "Lullaby," "Valse," "March," "There's a Fleet on the Sea from the Land of the Free," and the concert will conclude with "The Star Spangled Banner."

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DENVER MAKES BID FOR GREAT FIGHT

Would Gain Million In Cash if Jeffries and Johnson Fight There.

DENVER, COLO., August 14.—P. R. (Reddy) Gallagher, who is endeavoring to arrange to pull off the Jeffries-Johnson bout in Denver, makes the following statement as to the conditions under which he proposes to act as manager of the affair:

"I propose to issue 100 shares of stock at \$500 a share, and limit each stockholder to one share. In this way the amount of the purse offering of \$50,000 will be raised. After the shares are fully subscribed I plan on forming a stock company that the stockholders may elect whatever officers they see fit. The rule which binds the stockholders to one share each will apply to me also."

As a property holder and business man of Denver, I have been approached during the past week by hundreds of the city's leading business and professional men with assurances which lead me to believe that I can raise the amount of the purse in this way within twenty-four hours of the time the sale opens. In fact, I already have over fifty promises from men whose word is as good as their bond.

"I believe the holding of the Jeffries-Johnson fight in Denver will be of great benefit to the city, than any convention that has been held here in years; that it will bring at least 100,000 strangers into the city, either to see the fight or the men in training, and that it will draw sportsmen from all parts of the world—the kind of men who spend their money freely. I do not believe it is a too liberal estimate to say that the Jeffries-Johnson fight will bring people here who will spend at least \$1,000,000 in the city."

"Some idea of the advertising it will give the city may be gained from the fact that it will bring at least 100 newspaper correspondents from all parts of the world, and that thousands of columns of sporting page space will be directed at Denver for weeks before the contest, and thousands of pages devoted to the contest when it does take place."

"One of the conditions attached to the offer of agreement in making the offer of \$50,000 will be that the men do their training in or near Denver for at least six weeks before the fight, and that every share of the stock be owned by Denver men. It will be my aim to make it the greatest boxing show ever given in the history of the game, with several preliminary bouts which will bring together men of national reputation. The stockyards pavilion is in my opinion fully an advantageous place to pull off the contest as the auditorium, but if the sale of tickets makes it necessary to increase the seating capacity of the arena we will pull it off under canvas in a tent with a seating capacity of 25,000 or 30,000."

"As soon as a permit is given for the bout I will form a stock company, and I believe we will benefit the city a dozen ways more than any kind of a gathering ever held here. As to the purse of \$50,000, I am of the opinion that it will be the largest bona-fide offer that will be made by any American promoter, and that it will surely land the contest with the contestants to receive a fair percentage of the picture privileges besides the purse."

"The ideal time to hold the contest will, in my opinion, be early in December, just before cold weather sets in."

GOOD RACING AT LYNCHBURG FAIR

Indications Are That Pacers, Trotters and Runners Will Be There in Numbers.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., August 14.—One of the strongest attractions of the annual exhibition of the Interstate Fair Association of Lynchburg, on September 25, 26, 27, 28, and October 1, will be the race, and the indications are that there will be horses, runners, trotters and pacers here galore. The race program as mapped out is as follows:

First day—2:17 pace, 3 in 5, purse, \$300; 2:24 trot, stake closed, 2 in 5, \$500; running, 1-2 mile, 2 in 3, \$175.

Second day—2:22 pace, stake closed, 3 in 5, \$500; 2:22 trot, 3 in 5, \$300; running, 6 1-2 furlongs dash, \$400; running, 1-16 mile dash, \$175; running, 1-2 furlongs dash, \$175.

Third day—2:17 trot, 3 in 5, \$300; 2:15 pace, 3 in 5, \$300; 2:27 trot, 3 in 5, \$300; running, stake, 1-16 mile dash, \$400; running, 6 1-2 furlongs dash, \$175; running, 1 mile dash, \$175.

Fourth day—2:25 pace, 3 in 5, \$300; pace handicap, 1-14 mile dash, \$500; running, 6 1-2 furlongs, \$175; running, 4-1-32 furlongs, \$100.

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